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> I vote NO! to the proposed Microsoft Settlement.
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> I don't believe that the current proposal provides adequate reparations to
> those injured by Microsoft's anti-competitive behavior. Hundred, even
> thousands, of small companies have ceased to exist over the decades because
> of
> Microsoft's business practices.
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> Similar to the settlement against AT&T, Microsoft should become a government
> regulated Monopoly, until its market share drops to an acceptable level
> (40%,
> for example, assuming one of it's competitors is now also at 40%). This must
> be true for all Microsoft product lines, before regulation is lifted.
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> Even after being found guilty of being an illegal monopoly, Microsoft's
> behavior has not changed. Regulation of their behavior, with the threat of
> severe criminal penalties for failure to comply, is the only remedy that I
> can
> see will curtail them. The market must be able to return to a state of
> competition.
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> Imagine the damage to the United States if Microsoft were to fail, as Enron
> failed. The risks of a monopoly are greater than merely the loss of
> competition.
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> Thank you for your time.